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Dean Formanek
Western Gypsite, LLC
2555 East Camelback Road, Suite 800
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Subject: Review of Full Bond Release and File Closure, Western Gypsite, LLC, Gypsite Pilot Mine, S/045/0084, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Formanek:

On February 22, 2016, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining received your request for a full release of the reclamation surety and file closure for the Gypsite Pilot mine. No inspection is required by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining as the Division is no longer regulating this mine, but Western Gypsite must comply with the request(s) from both the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

On March 1, 2016, the Division requested concurrence from both of these agencies for the Division to release the reclamation surety it holds for this mine. The Division will release its surety after receiving concurrence from each agency. In addition, the Division will process the request as it receives each concurrence. Before the Division can process the release request, you will need to:

- 1) Comply with the request sent March 1, 2016, via e mail from John Blake of SITLA to Oren Gatten, your consultant.
- 2) Finish the permitting process with the BLM.
- 3) Re-submit your Application for Site and/or Bond Release found on the Division's Web site at www.ogm.utah.gov/minerals.

Once the Division receives your re-submitted Application for Site and/or Bond Release, it will inspect the site in a timely manner and respond to your request. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5261 or Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257. In response, please reference our file number S/045/0084 regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Cc: Stephen Allen, BLM (sallen@blm.gov); John Blake, SITLA (jblake@utah.gov)

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